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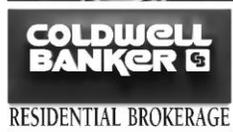
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## Dignity/Boston Bulletin

*Todos son bienvenidos en la casa de Dios*

**September 30, 2018**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading**  
**Numbers: 11:25-29**

**Second Reading**  
**James: 5:1-6**

**Gospel**  
**Mark: 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

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*"The essential dilemma of my life is between my deep  
desire to belong and my suspicion of belonging."*

*--Jhumpa Lahiri*



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of all sexual orientations,  
genders and gender identities,  
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## Dignity Announcements

*Note: The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Please turn off cell phones during liturgy. Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current Order of Service and hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag.*

**Presider(s):** Jon

**Gathering:** Now the Feast and Celebration (742)

**Psalm:** Lord You Have the Words (27—Psalm 19)

**Preparation:** The Lord is My Light (605)

**Communion:** One Love Released (sheet)

**Sending Forth:** Cantic of the Turning (556)

*Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.*

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**Book of Names:** The Book of Names is now available at the back of the church. Please consider writing the names of those who have died within the last year in the book with names being read at our 10/28 Liturgy of Remembrance. Thank you, in advance, for contributing to the beauty of our Liturgy of Remembrance service.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Please join us next Sunday (10/7) at 3:15 p.m. in Blackstone Square Park, which is across from St. Stephen's, for the Blessing of the Animals. There will be a brief prayer service followed by a blessing of each of the animals (or a picture of your pet if your pet is unable to attend). Our rain date is Sunday, 10/14 at the same time and place. We hope to see you there!

**Solidarity Sunday:** Dignity/Boston and DignityUSA will participate in Solidarity Sunday next Sunday (10/7). It's a faith-based anti-violence initiative. DignityUSA initiated Solidarity Sunday in 1995 as a way of making our opposition to anti-LGBTQI violence visible. To participate, pray for an end of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex violence, wear a rainbow ribbon, educate as many people as possible about the need to stop violence against all people, especially LGBTQI people, and take the Solidarity Pledge, found at [www.dignityusa.org/article/solidarity-pledge](http://www.dignityusa.org/article/solidarity-pledge).

**Last Week's Second Collection:** Last week's Second Collection raised \$343 for the Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP).

**Taking Stock of the Present:** This summer DignityUSA and our local Dignity/Boston chapter completed the second round of Jubilee community conversation called "Taking Stock of the Present". These conversations focused primarily on the current state of our movement and the challenges that have changed us. In total, 23 communities and 4 caucuses submitted their summaries. You can access the executive summary of these discussions and the individual community reports by going to the DignityUSA web site, [www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org), and clicking on the "communities discussions" link on the home page. Next, select the second tab, "Taking Stock Today". We invite you to take in all of the reports and enjoy the richness and depth of insights our various communities have shared.

**Dignity/Boston Donates to Hurricane Florence Relief:** On behalf of the chapter, the Dignity/Boston Board has agreed to donate \$250 toward Hurricane Florence relief. We are donating to an organization, "Direct Relief", which was ranked the best in Consumer Reports. If you would also like to donate, you can go to their website: <https://www.directrelief.org/emergency/hurricane-florence/>

**Conference 2019:** Please join us in Chicago from Thursday, 7/4 to Sunday, 7/7 for the DignityUSA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference. Yes, Dignity has been providing advocacy and support to people of all genders, sexual orientations, and gender identities for 50 years. You can pre-register at the DignityUSA web site.

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